

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 22-27 under 35 USC Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,519,233 ("Gutierrez"). The Examiner cites specific sections and figures in Gutierrez to reject claims 22-27. Applicant has reviewed Gutierrez and disagrees with the Examiner for disclosing each and every element of the independent claims 22-23 and 25-26. Gutierrez has not disclosed mapping a position of each of the power control bits in the power control information packet to a selected access channel of said plurality of access channels and to a time offset within the selected access channel. The Examiner's attention is taken, for example, to FIG. 1 or FIG. 11A through C where a power control information packet is shown. Within each power control information packet a number of power control bits are shown. The position of the power control bits in each power control information packet is mapped to a selected access channel of the plurality of the access channels and to a time offset within the selected access channel. Gutierrez does not disclose or suggest such a feature. Such a feature is included in the independent claims 22-23 and 25-26, therefore, claims 22-23 and 25-26 are allowable over Gutierrez. As such, other dependent claims are also allowable.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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